

New Names for Two Species of *Cancellaria* (Mollusca: Gastropoda)

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The purpose of this short note is to propose replacement names for two species of *Cancellaria*: *C. quasilla* nomen novum for *C. cretacea* E. A. Smith, 1899 non Nyst, 1881 and *C. laddi* nomen novum for *C. petiti* Ladd, 1982 non Olsson, 1967.

Cancellaria quasilla Petit nomen novum

Cancellaria cretacea E. A. Smith, 1899:245.

Not *Cancellaria cretacea* Nyst, 1881:8.

Cancellaria cretacea E. A. Smith; McArdle, 1901: pl. 11, figs. 5, 5a.

Discussion: This species is known from the holotype (figure 1), which is in the collection of the Zoological Survey of India, from 360 fathoms off the Travancore coast of south India, and from a badly broken specimen in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (ANSP 291936, Andaman Sea, south Burma). *Cancellaria quasilla* resembles species of *Merica* in overall form, and the columellar structure is similar to that of *C. rosewateri* Petit, 1983 from the Gulf of Mexico. It differs from species of *Merica* in that it lacks a well-defined anterior canal. A determination of subgeneric placement must await additional study on the entire family.

Etymology: From the Latin *quasillum* (dimin. of *quatum*, a wicker basket) for the woven aspect caused by the strong cords and ribs.

Comments: The holotype is refigured here. Appreciation is expressed to Dr. N. V. Subba Rao, Superintending Zoologist, Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta, for confirming the presence of the holotype in the Survey collection, and for furnishing photographs of the holotype.

Cancellaria (Merica) laddi Petit nomen novum

Cancellaria (Merica) petiti Ladd, 1982:57, pl. 14, figs. 16-18.
Not *Cancellaria (Cancellaria) petiti* Olsson, 1967:44

Discussion: This species is from Vanua Levu, Fiji (Pliocene; unnamed formation). As Ladd stated, it is closely related to the Recent Indo-Pacific *Cancellaria (Merica) oblonga* Sowerby, 1825, from which it differs in being more slender and much more strongly sculptured.

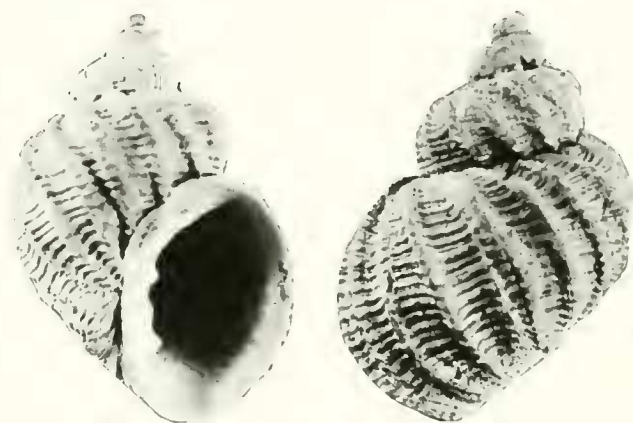


Figure 1. Holotype of *Cancellaria quasilla* Petit nomen novum (= *C. cretacea* Smith non Nyst). Dorsal and ventral views. Height 25 mm; width 19 mm.

Etymology: This replacement name honors the late Dr. Harry S. Ladd, with whom I enjoyed many interesting and educational conversations on the Tertiary faunas of the Indo-Pacific.

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